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**To: Members of the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response**

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**Re: Testimony re HB 4002 Implementation – Symposium Update**

**Co-Chairs Lieber and Kropf and Members of the Committee,**

For the record, my name is Kevin Campbell. I am the Executive Director for the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and I have the privilege of representing Oregon's Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs in the Oregon legislative process. I am here today to provide brief testimony regarding the implementation of HB 4002 with a focus on efforts to stand up pre-charge deflection programs in counties throughout the state.

Let me begin by thanking this committee for your work during the 2024 Legislative Session to craft a comprehensive policy and funding package designed to meaningfully address Oregon's daunting addiction and community livability crisis. While I will be focused today on our preparations to implement deflection programs in anticipation of September 1<sup>st</sup> effective date for the new Drug Enforcement Misdemeanor, I want to recognize that HB 4002 and HB 5204, the companion funding measure, included several critically important components including tools to interdict and prosecute drug distribution, funding for Medically Assisted Treatment programs in our Jails, funding for shovel ready projects designed to increase inpatient drug treatment and stabilization beds throughout the state, and more. Thank you!

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Oregon District Attorney's Association, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, League of Oregon Cities and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training hosted a HB 4002 Implementation Symposium titled "a Deep Dive into deflection and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Programs". The daylong symposium was attended by over 330 participants and included representatives from behavioral health, local government, law enforcement, community-based organizations and our state agency partners. Impressively, 33 of the 36 counties

were represented at the event, signs that there is active efforts to stand up deflection programs.

The symposium program included a series of presentations including:

- Criminal Justice Commission: Nuts & Bolts of Deflection Grant Process & Data Collection
- Deep Dive with the Marion County LEAD Team: Proven Deflection that Works
- Working Lunch & Legislative Leadership Panel: Senator Kate Lieber and Rep. Jason Kropf, Co-Chairs Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response
- Evidenced-Based Substance Use Treatment and Deflection - Dr. Hoover - ECHO/OHSU
- Deflection from a Behavioral Health System Perspective Panel Discussion.
- A segment featuring organizations and agencies who are resources and partners in the implementation process.

The entire symposium was video recorded and the sessions and additional materials are available to implementation partners and the public at the following link:

<https://www.policechief.org/symposium-resources/>

Following my testimony, Amanda Dalton will address some of the conversations that are occurring and specific issues that are surfacing during the implementation process, It won't surprise you to know that every county is facing unique challenges and opportunities as they attempt to implement their deflection programs. This is creating an opportunity for innovation and the development of new partnerships that will serve us well as we identify adaptable best practices. The work underway will also create clarity regarding gaps that may prevent implementation from moving forward effectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today and I'm glad to answer any questions.